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Subject: Allocation of disk space per new project

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Todd-- I trust you get necessary information from Tom about disk rental,

as well as the letter from me, already acknowledged.

We did not have time to go into details, but I want to be careful we do not arouse false expectations. The rental cost of another spindle is but a small part of the total fair expense of maintaining a comparable level of disk storage (e.g. the ports and controllers on the -10, which are a limited resource.) So we are in no way in a position where we could merely sell off 1/8 th of the system file space for \$350 / month. We will have to work out the details, later, among ourselves and with the AIM-executive committee. I am sure that with the added capacity, we can provide quit comfortably for your needs, and also have enough latitude to be able to do better for the extramural community that accesses CONGEN and similar programs, including your own.

We will try to get some figures together on the fair prorated costs of units of disk storage so that you will have a firm basis for what you or any other user who contributes to hardware should be 'credited' in further discussions. We think there is great value in having various inputs 'in kind' rather than a hard-cash system of accounting) and needless to say we will try to reach satisfactory accomodations to those users who for various reasons are not able to make such explicit contributions. The latter is only possible if workers who are in more fortunate phases of funding will cooperate in the same spirit.

As each of us is liable to go through our own peaks and troughs, it should not be difficult to persuade anyone with any foresight that this kind of 'altruism' is certainly in the category of enlightened self-interest.

Josh